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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Oct-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/29/05	10/22/05
Broiler/fryer	165,084	168,259
Light hens	1,411	1,051
Heavy hens	1,487	1,438

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 22-Oct-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	229	0	229
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	197	2	199
Same week yr ago	379	20	399
To-date/2005	10,902	60	10,962
To-date/2004	10,250	118	10,368

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,289	1,515	2,804
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,519	1,503	3,022
Same week yr ago	1,841	1,521	3,362
To-date/2005	71,806	59,670	131,476
To-date/2004	67,591	57,143	124,734

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 22-OCTOBER-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	163,790	1,060	1,515	2,575
Avg Wt	5.44	3.24	8.05	6.07
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	164,748	1,322	1,501	2,823
Same wk yr ago	162,135	1,462	1,501	2,963
Avg Wt	5.41	3.37	8.08	5.76
To-date/2005	6,778,216	60,904	59,610	120,514
To-date/2004	6,592,318	57,341	57,025	114,366

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 165.8 million head or 5.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 15-Oct-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	24,091	15,766	60,960
Avg Weight	3.87	4.65	6.37
% of total /1	24%	16%	60%
Last week	24,713	19,658	57,628
Avg Weight	3.77	4.68	6.39
% of total /1	24%	19%	56%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,113	23,483	50,724
Avg Weight	3.77	4.74	6.64
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%
To date/2005	1,112,694	905,838	2,045,529
To date/2004	1,064,580	876,801	1,882,714

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 22-Oct-05  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,041	2,824	25	45	4,894
Avg Wt	15.97	35.39	25.19	33.20	27.24
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,864	2,660	30	5	4,559
Same wk yr ago	1,806	2,597	87	8	4,498
Avg Wt	16.53	36.70	24.01	29.66	28.34
To-date/2005	74,695	108,693	996	186	184,570
To-date/2004	72,358	107,400	2,207	308	182,273

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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